Upcoming Changes to the Post-9/11 GI-Bill

The Post-9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2010

www.gibill.va.gov or call 888-442-4551

Effective August 1, 2009, but not payable until October 1, 2011

Now includes active National Guard (NG) on Title 32 orders, for the purpose of organizing, administering, recruiting, instructing, or training the NG or responding to a national emergency.

Effective March 5, 2011

- ➤ Limits active duty members to the net cost for tuition and fees prorated based on the eligibility tiers (40%-100%) previously established for Veterans.
- Same limitations apply to transferee spouses of active duty

Effective August 1, 2011

- Pays all public school in-state tuition and fees;
- Private and foreign school costs are capped at \$17,500 annually;
- > The Yellow Ribbon Program still exists for out-of-state and costs above cap.
- For Active Duty and their transferees creates a national rate for those enrolled in a private/foreign school pursuing a degree
- Allows VA to pay MGIB and MGIB-SR kickers/college fund on a monthly basis
- Prorates housing allowance by the student's rate of pursuit
- Break or interval pay is no longer payable
- Allows reimbursement for more than one "license or certification" test.
- ➤ Allows those eligible for Vocational Rehabilitation benefits and Post-9/11 GI Bill to choose the housing allowance instead of the subsistence allowance.
- NOAA and PHS personnel are now eligible to transfer entitlements

Effective October 1, 2011

- Pays actual net cost for in-State tuition and fees at public Non-college degree (NCD) programs:
- ➤ Private/foreign institutions, pays the actual net costs for in-state tuition/fees or \$17,500, whichever is less. Also up to \$83 a month for books/supplies.
- ➤ On-the-job/apprenticeship training: Pays a monthly benefit amount prorated based on time in program and up to \$83 per month for books and supplies.
- Flight programs: Per academic year, pays the actual net costs for in-state tuition and fees assessed by the school or \$10,000, whichever is less.
- Correspondence training: Per academic year, pays the actual net costs for in-state tuition and fees assessed by the school or \$8,500, whichever is less.
- ➤ Housing allowance is payable to students (other than those on active duty) enrolled solely in distance learning. The housing allowance payable is equal to ½ the national average BAH for an E-5 with dependents. The full-time rate for an individual eligible at the 100% eligibility tier would be \$673.50 for 2011.
- Allows students on active duty to receive a books and supplies stipend.